

REMARKS

A. Status of the claims

Claims 16 and 18 have been amended and claims 1-14, 21 and 28-60 are canceled; thus, claims 15-20 and 22-27 are currently pending in the case and are indicated as allowed. The amendments to claims 16 and 18 are to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce canceled claims in a future continuation application.

B. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) or §103 are moot


In the Office Action dated January 10, 2008 the Examiner indicated that claims 15-20 and 22-27 were allowed and rejected claims 1-6 and 8-14 as anticipated by or obvious over Ehlers et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0033532). Applicants disagree with the rejection; nonetheless, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, Applicants have canceled claims 1-6 and 8-14. Applicants plan to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims. Because all rejected claims have been canceled and the only remaining pending claims (15-20 and 22-27) are indicated as allowed, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102/103 are now believed moot.

C. Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact David Gass or the undersigned at 312-474-6300 with any concerns regarding the case.

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